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Docket No. 97-998 US - DIV.

**Prior Application Examiner** D. Nguyen

Art Unit 3738

## To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of: Gary J. BECKER corresponding to patent application 09/094,402, filed June 10, 1998, entitled: EXPANDABLE INTRALUMI-NAL ENDOPROSTHESIS.

## **Enclosed are:**

Х	18 pages of specification.
Х	6 sheets of formal drawings.
	a newly-executed declaration of the inventor.
х	a copy of an executed declaration of the inventor from prior application Serial No. 09/094,402, filed June 10, 1998.
Х	incorporation by reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied as indicated in the preceding box, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
	The prior application was assigned to , in an assignment recorded on on Reel , frame .
х	Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449.
	copies of the Information Disclosure Statement citations.
Х	preliminary amendment.
Х	return receipt postcard (MPEP 503), specifically itemized.
	a verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.
X	a verified statement to establish small entity status filed in prior application. Status is still proper and desired.
х	The certified copies of foreign applications No. 97201799.0, filed June 13, 1997 and No. 98201446.6, filed May 6, 1998, in Europe have been filed in prior application Serial No. 09/094,402, filed June 10, 1998.
Х	other: Inventor Information Sheet.

If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information.

[ ] Continuation [X] Divisional [ ] Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No. 09/094, 402, filed June 10, 1998.

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